

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (currently amended): A decorative sheet comprising:

a deformable base member having first and second principal surfaces opposed to each other;

a continuous decoration layer provided directly on the first principal surface of the base member and having a pattern area representing a predetermined pattern, the decoration layer being defined by an ink layer that is visible from a direction perpendicular to a plane including the ink layer; and

a spread suppressing member provided at a location corresponding to the pattern area on the side of the first principal surface or on the side of the second principal surface of the base member, for suppressing the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer; wherein

the spread suppressing member is arranged so as to ~~overlap~~cover only a portion of the base member and is made of a material that suppresses the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 43, wherein the resin material is a thermoplastic resin material that spreads to follow an uneven surface of an article to which the base member is to be attached, and the base member is less

deformable where the spread suppressing member is provided on the base member.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member has a higher coefficient of thermal conductivity than a coefficient of thermal conductivity of the base member.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member is made of a material including one of a metal and a metal compound.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member is made of metal.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material, and the spread suppressing member is made of a material including one of a metal and a metal compound.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material, and the spread suppressing member is made of metal.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein a coefficient of thermal conductivity of the spread suppressing member is at least about 10 W/m·K.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein a thickness of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 5 μm to about 100 μm .

Claim 52 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member includes a first portion that overlaps the pattern area.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The decorative sheet of claim 52, wherein the spread suppressing member includes a second portion arranged along an outer circumference of the first portion and does not ~~overlap~~cover the pattern area.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 53, wherein a width of the second portion of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 1 mm to about 10 mm.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 53, wherein a width of the second portion of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 2 mm to about 8 mm.

Claim 56 (previously presented): A molded article comprising a molded article body and the decorative sheet of claim 42 which is joined to a surface of the molded article body.

Claim 57 (currently amended): A molded article comprising:
a molded article body; and
a sheet joined to a surface of the molded article body; wherein
the sheet includes a deformable base member and a continuous decoration layer provided directly on a surface of the base member on the side of the molded article body;

the decoration layer includes a pattern area representing a predetermined pattern and is defined by an ink layer that is visible from a direction perpendicular to a plane including the ink layer;

a portion of the sheet corresponding to the pattern area has a thickness which is

in a range of about 1.1 times to about 1.8 times a thickness of remaining portions of the sheet; and

a spread suppressing member provided at a location corresponding to the pattern area on the side of the first principal surface or on the side of the second principal surface of the base member, for suppressing the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer; wherein

the spread suppressing member is arranged so as to ~~overlap~~cover only a portion of the base member and is made of a material that suppresses the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The molded article of claim 57, wherein the portion of the sheet corresponding to the pattern area has a thickness which is in a range of about 1.2 times to about 1.6 times the thickness of the remaining portions of the sheet.

Claim 59 (previously presented): A motor vehicle comprising the molded article of claim 56.

Claims 60-89 (canceled).

Claim 90 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is transparent or translucent.

Claim 91 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 57, wherein the base member is transparent or translucent.

Claim 92 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 57, wherein the base member is a thermoplastic resin material that spreads to follow an uneven surface of the molded article body to which the base member is attached, and the base member

is less deformable where the spread suppressing member is provided on the base member.

Claim 93 (currently amended): The decorative sheet of claim 57, wherein the spread suppressing member includes a first portion that ~~overlap~~covers the pattern area, a second portion arranged along an outer circumference of the first portion and does to not ~~overlap~~cover the pattern area, and a width of the second portion of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 1 mm to about 10 mm.